



HEADLINES

Friday 13th October 2017

SEPTEMBER'S VALUE	WINNING HOUSE	BEST ATTENDANCE
FRIENDSHIP	Rowan	Ibis

Dear Parents/Carers,

World Maths Day

We have had lots of fun today exploring patterns as part of World Maths Day. Thank you for finding so many clothes with repeating patterns to wear to school today, to remind us of our theme! Different classes found patterns with shapes and colours, patterns with numbers and even patterns in nature! Do ask your children when they come home today what patterns they found in school, as part of their learning for World Maths Day!

MyMaths Homework Help!

We have had reports from a few parents struggling to access the MyMaths homework from iPads/tablets. MyMaths can currently be used on iPad and other tablet devices through the free Puffin Academy app on [iTunes](#) and [Android](#). You will need to install the app to access MyMaths in this way. You will also need an Internet connection.

In order to access it on a PC, you will need an Internet connection and an up-to-date web browser with inbuilt Flash, or a recent version of Flash installed on your computer. MyMaths supports all the major browsers such as Internet Explorer, Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox, but please make sure your Chrome or Firefox browsers are up-to-date and your Internet Explorer is version 11 or higher.

Another issue some people have encountered is that you have to *first* log in as the SCHOOL, and *then* log in as the PUPIL to access the homework. If you only log in as the school, you can access lots of games and activities for practising your maths (which you can go on whenever you want!) but you won't get the specific piece of homework that has been set that week. You need to log in as the PUPIL in the My Portal section to complete your homework activity.

We have also been asked, "Am I allowed to use pencil and paper to do my working out?" The answer is... of course you are! If you get stuck with your homework and need to ask your teacher for help, do bring in any working out so they can see where you might be going wrong.

We hope this helps, but if you have further technical difficulties, you can speak to your class teacher or call the MyMaths helpline on 01536 452970 for assistance.

Maths Stars of the Week



Another week of amazing mathematicians working hard in all classes, including: Basil (Y2) for his fantastic work in doubling; Harry M (Panda) for his work on shape and with his times tables; Jameson (Y6) for his work on rounding and ordering decimals ; ALL of Owls class for practising their numbers so brilliantly through independent learning

Inclusion News

Miss Mitchell will be at both parent evenings next week. If you would like to make an appointment to talk to her you can do this in the same way as you do for the class teachers. Miss Mitchell will have a display of books, ideas and equipment for you to look at to see some of the ways in which we help your children at Powell Corderoy, and also how you can help them at home, so please do pop over and say hello.

Staff update

It is with great sadness that at half term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Maccarone who, after eight years as a teaching assistant while her children grew up, has decided it's time for a change of direction. Mrs Maccarone has been a huge part of Powell life as a teaching assistant, running the After School Club, running maths programmes, supporting children and families with English as a second language and even gardening at the weekends! Her contribution has had a very positive impact for lots of people and she will be very greatly missed. We are not currently advertising a vacancy as we have a number of existing part time staff who wish to increase their hours - further information to follow.

Coming up next week and beyond...

Parents Evening

Our parent/teacher consultation evenings will be held on Monday 16th October (3.30pm - 6.00pm) and Wednesday 18th October (4.00pm - 6.30pm). If you haven't booked an appointment yet please can you book online at <https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. **The booking system will close at 4.00pm today for appointments on Monday 16th and at 4.00pm on Tuesday 17th for appointments on Wednesday 18th.** Once logged in please click on the Parents' Evening icon and follow the instructions. A short guide on how to add appointments is attached to this week's Headlines. If you wish to see one of the Co-Head Teachers they are available on the following days;

Mrs J Wilson	Monday 16th October
Mrs E McLaughlin	Wednesday 18th October

Due to Parents Evening the following after school activity clubs will not be running next week:

Monday 16th October	Making & Modelling and Recorder (please note Judo will take place in the Art Room)
Wednesday 18th October	Gymnastics



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Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Thursday 19th October at 9.10am and 2.30pm. Parents are most welcome to join us for these assemblies, however due to limited space you will require a ticket. Tickets for the Harvest Festival can also be booked online at <https://powellcorderoy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. You can book two tickets per family (not per child) and they can be used for one assembly or split over the two assemblies (e.g. one for the morning assembly and one for the afternoon assembly - please do not book two tickets for each performance!).



This year we will be supporting the Dorking Area Foodbank. The foodbank has now been open for over two years. When they opened their doors in June 2015, they weren't quite sure what to expect – both in terms of the need for the foodbank and how we would meet that need. They now know that there certainly is a need and that local people are very generous in responding to it. There are established donation points in a number of local supermarkets and churches. In their first two years of operation they provided over 2,130 emergency food parcels, the equivalent of 19,200 meals. Almost 42% of those helped were children. So that we donate items which will help and are not wasted, could we please ask for donations of the following goods only and please ask you to ensure that all goods have a best before date of 2018 or beyond:

Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Fruit	Jam	Deodorant - male and female
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Rice Pudding	Snack Bars	Washing Gel Capsules
Tinned Meat / Fish	Tinned Custard	UHT full-fat Milk	4-roll Toilet Roll pack
Tinned Vegetables / Potatoes	Cereal	Dried Milk Powder	Shampoo / Shower Gel
Instant Mash Potato	Biscuits	Long-life Fruit Juice	10p Bags for Life

Can all donations be brought to school on the day of the Harvest Festival assemblies please. We will not be sending tickets home (as stated in last week's Headlines) - we will have a list of those attending on the door. Thank you.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that Friday 20th October is an INSET Day so the school will be closed. The following week is half term but we will see you back at school on Monday 30th October when the school photographer will be in to take individual pupil photos.

Class Assemblies

We have now set the dates for our class assemblies for the year. Parents are very welcome to join us for their child's class assembly - below is a list of dates and times. We do hope you will be able to join us. All other dates for the year that have been set are in the calendar - we will continue to notify you via Headlines if new dates are added or dates are changed. Please note that, in line with other Dorking schools, we now finish early on the last day of each term at 1.30 pm.

Year Group	Date	Time
Reception - Ducklings	8th May 2018	9.10am
Year 1 - Owls	8th February 2018	9.10am



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Year 2 - Robins	25th January 2018	9.10am
Year 3 - Kingfisher	26th April 2018	9:10am
Year 4 - Ibis	3rd May 2018	9.10am
Year 5 - Nightingale	15th March 2018	9:10am
Year 6 - Goldfinch	20th July (Leavers assembly)	9:10am

Have a lovely weekend, see you next week!

Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Wilson

Co-Head Teachers

OFFICE REMINDERS

Dates for the year are now available in our [online calendar](#), via the school website. Any changes to dates will also be announced via Headlines throughout the year.

Swimming Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

There will be no sessions on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October due to Harvest rehearsals, lessons will resume after half term.

School Meal Menu

Your child should have received a copy of the latest School Meal Menu, which starts after half term. Please note that there is one change to the Menu, on Week 2, Tuesday - Vegetable Ravioli will now be served instead of Cheese & Spinach Ravioli.

Headlice

We have had some reports of headlice in the school - please can you check your child's hair weekly and treat when necessary.



amazon.co.uk

Some parents have asked if there is anything the school 'needs' in light of our ever-diminishing budget. We are finding it increasingly difficult to fund the 'extra' resources that really enhance our lessons and the children's learning. For this reason we have set up an *Amazon Wish List* - a list of items we would like to have, to use with the children. If you would like to purchase something from our *Wish List* please search for 'Powell Corderoy' in the

Amazon Wish List search (under 'Your Friends'), and you'll find a wide range of useful educational resources, starting from just £2.99, that could be used across the school.



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FRIENDS OF POWELL NEWS

Firstly, a big thank you to Lucinda, Nicola, Kay and Laura for all their amazing work over the last 2 years for the FOPCS. Also, we are delighted that Elsee has remained as Treasurer and a vital part of the committee again this year, thank you.

The handover meeting on Monday 8th October went well and we are thrilled to have such wonderful support from everyone that came along.

The year's fundraising begins on Wednesday (18th) with a second hand uniform sale after school.

If you have any good quality, clean uniform to donate please bring it to the office by Tuesday afternoon. Volunteers are called for to help sort clothing on Tuesday after school or to help set up / sell / pack away on Wednesday afternoon. Please let us know via the "Friends of Powell Corderoy School" Facebook page, see the committee or Sandra (year 4 and reception class parent) or Bonnie (year 4 parent) or leave a message with the office.

Uniform costs 50p-£1 per item.

Our first big event will be the Christmas Fayre; there will be lots of information in the next few issues of Headlines about the fayre and ways in which you can all get involved! Stay tuned!

Both Katy (secretary) and myself are new to Powell and are mums with children in Reception. We can often be found by the Reception class before school (most days) and after school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please come over and say hello.

We welcome all ideas and all support!

Many thanks, Sam (Chair)

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Powell Corderoy Governors
Breakfast & After School Club
Friends of Powell
Parent Council
Surrey County Council: *Hotline to report concerns about a child*
Child Line
Family Line

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